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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:

Visiting Hours:

- Visitor Center/Museum:

April 1 – October 31: Open daily 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
November 1 – March 31: Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

- Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex – Open daily 7 a.m. to Sunset.
- The Gettysburg NMP library, curatorial and archives facilities are available to researchers by appointment only.
- All Gettysburg NMP park lands and roadways are open to public access according to the following schedule:

April 1 – October 31 – Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Closed 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
November 1 – March 31 – Open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- The following park roadways are open to local vehicle commuter-only traffic, after established park closure hours. Drive through-only, no stopping, standing or parking along avenues or pull offs:
 - Buford Avenue
 - Doubleday Avenue
 - Granite Schoolhouse Road
 - Howard Avenue

- Hunt Avenue
 - Millerstown Road
 - Reynolds Avenue
 - Wadsworth Avenue
 - West Confederate Avenue
 - Wheatfield Road
 - Seminary Avenue
- Eisenhower NHS – Open to the public 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Access to the main site is by shuttle bus-only from the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center. The site is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Visitors may access portions of the Eisenhower National Historic Site near Sachs Covered Bridge from Sunrise to Sunset.
 - The Eisenhower NHS library, curatorial and archives facilities are available to researchers by appointment only.

Public Use Limits:

- The general public is prohibited from possessing and/or consuming food in the Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex.

Closures:

- Gettysburg NMP, including all lands and roadways, except as designated above, are closed to public access:
 - April 1 – October 31 from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.
 - November 1 – March 31 from 7 p.m. – 6 a.m.
 - Exceptions:
 - NPS sponsored and approved public meetings, programs and special events, scheduled to occur in the park after designated closure hours are exempt.
 - McMillan Woods Organized Youth Group Campground is accessible to registered campers-only after designated closure hours.
 - Park Living History Volunteers (NPS Permit authorized) are authorized access to their identified campsites-only after designated closure hours.
- Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex is closed to public access from sunset to 7 a.m. daily.
- Eisenhower NHS is closed to public access 5 p.m. – 9 a.m. daily. Visitors may access portions of the Eisenhower National Historic Site near Sachs Covered Bridge from Sunrise to Sunset.
- The following service roads are closed to public vehicular use and travel:
 - Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex roads
 - Slyder Farm Lane
 - Spangler Farm Lane
 - Bushman Farm Lane
 - Williams Quarry access road
 - All Eisenhower National Historic Site access roads
- Employee residences located in Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS are closed to public access.
- Public buildings at Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

- The Superintendent may close any portion of the park and/or roadways to public access during periods of ice, snow, or any other hazardous condition. Roadways may be closed with gates, barricades or other traffic control devices. Driving around or past these devices are prohibited.
- The following areas are closed to picnicking:
 - Devils Den
 - Zeigler's Grove
 - Little Round Top
 - Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex
 - All monuments and markers and the area within 100 feet of the same are closed to picnicking.
 - Eisenhower NHS
- The following areas are closed to bicycling:
 - Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex
 - Gettysburg NMP – all areas except park roadways and parking lots.
- Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

Definition: The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Justification: The use of unmanned aircraft is considered to be an impact on the historic landscape of the Gettysburg Battlefield and the Eisenhower home site. These devices would also provide unreasonable noise and impact the visitor experience which is so important at both sites.

(a)(2) The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

- Passenger Carrying Busses:
 - Engines must be shut down when parked for a period of more than 5 minutes.
- Recreational and Sporting Activities:
 - Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS are closed to recreational and sporting activities including, but not limited to the following: racing, skating (including roller-skating and in-line skating), skateboarding, motorized scooters, neighborhood electric vehicles, golf carts, pocket motorcycles, technical rock climbing, ball playing, kite flying, model aircraft flying, model rocket launching, throwing objects through the air (frisbee, footballs, baseball, etc) and sunbathing. Prohibited activities do not include walking, hiking, strolling, jogging, bicycling, xc-skiing or horseback riding. Specific prohibitions on certain activities may be addressed in other regulations.
 - All recreational activities, including bicycling and jogging are prohibited in the Gettysburg Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex.
- Geo-Caching:
 - Geo-Caching is prohibited throughout Gettysburg NMP, Eisenhower NHS and Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex. Virtual geo-caching is authorized. See also 36 CFR § 2.22.

- Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMD):
 - Recreational Use – EPAMD's are permitted only on park roadways within Gettysburg NMP with the following restrictions:
 - Lamps and reflectors are required when operating between sunset and sunrise.
 - Pedacycle helmets are required for persons under 12 years of age.

(a)(3) The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under §§(a)(1) or (2) have been terminated:

- Not applicable at this time.

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net:
 - Firearms may be carried or possessed in accordance with applicable local, state and federal law.
 - Other weapons as defined under 36 CFR 1.4 will require a permit. Contact the Chief Ranger's Office for permit.
- §2.5(a) Research specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
 - Contact Resource Planning Office for permit
- §2.10(a) Camping activities – Organized Youth Group Camping Only
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
 - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views. However, demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph 2.51(c)(2) without a permit. The

two designated for these demonstrations areas are at the flagpole of the National Cemetery Lot and the grassy area to the west of the Eternal Peace Light Memorial (See map at the end of this document).

- Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
 - Contact Resource Planning Office for permit
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office for permit

Part 12 National Cemeteries

- 12.5(b) Burial in the National Cemetery
 - Contact Park Maintenance Office for permit
- 12.6(b) Disinterment of Remains from National Cemetery
 - Contact Park Maintenance Office for permit

Part 25 Licensed Guide Service

- 25.2(a) Conduct a Battlefield Tour for a Fee
 - Contact Chief Ranger's Office

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- McMillan Woods Campground – Organized Youth Group campers only.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

- The following monuments and cultural resources are open to the public (persons only, no pets except for seeing eye/handicap assist dogs) for walking on, entering, ascending and descending or traversing via walkways and stairs during the hours the park is open:
 - 44th New York Infantry Monument
 - Culp's Hill Tower
 - Friend to Friend Memorial
 - Longstreet Tower
 - Oak Ridge Tower
 - Peace Light Memorial
 - Pennsylvania Monument
 - New York Auxiliary Monument
 - United States Regulars Monument

(a)(6) Conducting rubbings of monuments or gravestones may injure or deface those cultural resources and is therefore prohibited.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts and berries may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption within Gettysburg NMP in the following quantities:

Acorns	1 peck / person / day
Apples	1 bushel / person / day
Blackberries	1 peck / person / day
Blueberries	1 peck / person / day
Cherries	1 peck / person / day
Crabapples	1 peck / person / day
Hickory nuts	1 peck / person / day
Mushrooms	1 peck / person / day
Peaches	1 peck / person / day
Raspberries	1 peck / person / day
Strawberries	1 peck / person / day
Walnuts	1 peck / person / day
Wineberries	1 peck / person / day

1 peck = 537.61 cubic inches

1 bushel = 2,150.42 cubic inches

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- Wildlife taken lawfully outside the park may be transported by vehicle through the park via the most direct route during the legal hunting season. Game must be properly tagged according to state law.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- All areas of Gettysburg NMP, Soldiers National Cemetery & Annex and Eisenhower NHS.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, apply within the boundaries of Gettysburg NMP:

- Fishing regulations are contained in Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 30.

(d)(2) Possession or use of live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibian, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is permitted in accordance with State Regulations.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS OR NETS

(a)(1)(i) & (ii) Visitors may possess and carry firearms within Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.

Federal law prohibits firearms in certain park facilities and buildings. These places are marked with signs at public entrances. The federal facilities for Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site are as follows:

Gettysburg: Butterfield House – 1000 Biglerville Road (Administration Office)
 Hoffman House – 380 Taneytown Road (Resource Planning Office)
 Hummelbaugh House – 40 Pleasanton Avenue
 National Cemetery Lodge – 791 Baltimore Pike
 Park Maintenance Facility – 405 Taneytown Road (Maintenance Office)
 Wright House - 160 Taneytown Road (Protection Office)

Eisenhower: Eisenhower Home – 200 Millerstown Road
 Eisenhower Farm 1 Barn – 200 Millerstown Road
 Eisenhower Headquarters Building (Farm 2) – 250 Eisenhower Farm Lane
 Farm 2 Show Barn – 250 Eisenhower Farm Lane
 Reception Center – 200 Millerstown Road

Other weapons, traps and nets as defined under 36 CFR 1.4 will require a permit.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- The open area west of McMillan Woods off West Confederate Avenue, known as the McMillan Woods Campground is designated as a Youth Group Campground. The campground is generally open from mid-April through the end of October. The campground consists of ten sites with capacities ranging from 15 – 35 people. The campground maximum capacity is 300 people. Use is limited to organized youth groups via a reservation system. A maximum length of stay of 7 days per group is in effect.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

- Food storage regulations do not apply.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in 36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1) "Closures" of this document. They include:

- Ziegler's Grove

- Little Round Top
- Soldiers National Cemetery & Annex
- All monuments and markers and the area within 100 feet of the same are closed to picnicking.
- All of Eisenhower NHS

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Designated areas for picnicking include the South End Picnic Area located along South Confederate Avenue and designated tables at the Visitor Center/Museum.
- The McMillan Woods Picnic Shelter is open to use by groups staying in the campground on a first come first serve basis. The Picnic Shelter may be used by other groups under the issuance of a Special Use Permit.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Campfires are permitted at the McMillan Woods Campground within the steel fire rings provided on each campsite. One campfire per site.
- Campfires are permitted in connection with park sponsored living history programs at Spangler's Spring, Pitzer Woods and Pennsylvania Monument encampment areas.
- Only camp stoves (gasoline, propane, butane) may be utilized in the designated picnic areas – South Confederate Avenue and the designated picnic areas at the Visitor Center.
- Any other campfires will be permitted only in connection with a Special Use Permit.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- All authorized campfires in the park must be attended at all times and completely extinguished when not attended.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets, except guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing impaired persons:

- Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex
- Within the 44th NY Monument, Culp's Hill Tower, Longstreet Tower, Oak Ridge Tower, Peace Light Memorial, and Pennsylvania Monument
- Within the Visitor Center/Museum and all public offices and structures in Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS
- Pet owners cannot allow any pet to enter near or upon any monument, marker, cultural or archeological structure/object within Gettysburg NMP. Pet owners will not allow their pets to relieve themselves on any monument, marker, cultural or archeological structure/object within Gettysburg NMP.
- The McMillan Woods Youth Campground and adjacent parking lots, including the horse trailer parking lot.

(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- In picnic areas, pets may be tied to picnic tables or tethered in the area while the owner/handler is present, however pets may not be left unattended.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- All pet excrement must be immediately collected and disposed of in refuse containers by the pet owner.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Park residents may keep pets provided the resident can provide proof of valid registration and vaccinations in accordance with state and local regulations.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Horseback riding is permitted on the established trails marked by symbolic Horse Trail signs and upon short direct routes or trails connecting the Horse Trail to neighboring property.
- The designated parking area for horse trailers is the western most portion of the parking area at the McMillan Woods Campground. The area is signed.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Operators of horse (draft animal) drawn vehicles will conform to the Pennsylvania motor vehicle code, Title 75 sections 3103 (Traffic Regulation applicable), Section 4303(e) (Lighting Requirements) and section 4529 (Slow Moving Vehicle emblem required). All such vehicles shall utilize manure catchers as part of the tack.
- Horse trail riding will not be allowed after sunset.
- Horses may only be secured by tying them to a hitching rack, a horse trailer or by cross tying them between two trees so they cannot damage the trees by foraging on the bark or branches. Horses must be attended at all times to prevent third party injuries.
- Horses and pack animals shall not be watered at the water spigot in the McMillan Woods Campground. Water may be carried in pails to the animals.
- The horse trailer parking area and roadways in McMillan Woods Campground must be kept free of manure. All horse or pack animal excrement in this area must be collected and carried out by the animal's owner or rider. Horses are not permitted on any area of the actual campground or any campsite.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

(d) FAA regulations may be found in 14 CFR Chapter 1.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited in Gettysburg NMP, Soldiers National Cemetery & Annex and Eisenhower NHS.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- Sledding and other forms of winter recreational activities are permitted in the following locations:
 - Park roads (when closed due to snow conditions)
 - East Cemetery Hill (east side – toward Wainwright Avenue)
 - Oak Ridge Hill

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

- Only those areas within the curtilage of a park residence are designated for the use of roller skates, skateboards, or similar devices by park residents and their guests.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- With the exception of park residences, smoking in all park buildings is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited.

- Geo-caching is prohibited in Gettysburg NMP, Soldiers National Cemetery & Annex and Eisenhower NHS. Virtual geo-caching is authorized.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- All areas of Gettysburg NMP, Soldier's National Cemetery and Eisenhower NHS are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage, with the following exception:
 - Park Residences

The superintendent has determined that the possession and consumption of alcohol within the park would be inappropriate considering its other uses and the purpose for which it is maintained and was established.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- Vehicle load, weight and size limits are addressed in sections 4921 through 4925 of The Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 75
- Vehicles exceeding 35 foot in length are prohibited on the following park avenues:
 - South Sickles Avenue between the intersection with Warren Avenue and Ayres Avenue.
 - Hunt Avenue, Wright Avenue and Howe Avenue along their entire length.
- No vehicles exceeding eight (8) feet in width are permitted to be operated on park avenues or roadways without a permit and escort.
- Per Memorandum to Files dated February 12, 1992, the park and Cumberland Township authorities resolved to restrict commercial truck traffic on Wheatfield Road To vehicles weighing less than 13 tons (26,000 pounds).

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- The speed limit on all park roads and avenues is 25 miles per hour.
- The speed limit within all campgrounds, parking lots and picnic areas is 15 miles per hour.
- The speed limits on Pennsylvania roadways within the park boundaries are determined and posted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

These speed limits differ from the speed limits established by regulation in 36 CFR § 4.21(a) based on the determination that the established speed limits were unreasonable, unsafe and inconsistent with the purposes for which a park area was established.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads and parking lots.

- The grounds and roadways of the Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex are closed to the use of bicycles. Bicycles may be dismounted and walked within the National Cemetery & Annex.
- No bicycle shall be operated off established roadways. Bicycles are not permitted on sidewalks, trails or cross country.
- *To reduce the inherent hazards of operating bicycles on several of the State highways that run through the park, bicycles may be operated in a careful and prudent manner in opposition to the one-way direction of traffic on one-way park roads.*

36 CFR §5.6 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.

- Per Memorandum to Files dated February 12, 1992, the park and Cumberland Township authorities resolved to restrict commercial truck traffic on Wheatfield Road to vehicles weighing less than 13 tons (26,000 pounds). Commercial vehicles weighing less than 13 tons are permitted on Wheatfield Road.
- Commercial vehicles are permitted on Millerstown Road.

36 CFR PART 12 – NATIONAL CEMETERY REGULATIONS

12.4 Special Events and Demonstrations

In addition to events conducted for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the following dates are designated as dates of special historic significance to the Soldiers National Cemetery and Annex. Events conducted in commemoration of those dates are permitted:

- August 23 Cemetery Annex Rededication Day
- November 19 National Cemetery Dedication Day
- December 7 Pearl Harbor Day

12.10 Floral and Commemorative Tributes

The placing of wreaths and floral items are subject to the following restrictions:

- Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time.
- Artificial flowers and potted plants shall be permitted on graves during the period from October 10 through April 15. In areas where the growing season extends generally the year round, artificial flowers and potted plants shall be permitted on graves 10 days before through 10 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.
- During the Christmas season, Christmas wreaths, floral grave blankets and other floral arrangements shall be permitted commencing December 1 and allowed to remain on the grave through January 20 of each year. Grave floral blankets shall not be larger in size than two by three feet (2' x 3').
- Permanent plantings, statues, vigil lights, balloon display, breakable objects of any kind, and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time. These and other hazardous objects shall be removed by cemetery personnel whenever found on a grave.
- Floral items and other types of decorations shall not be secured or attached to the headstone or commemorative monument.
- Flowers shall be removed from graves and disposed of by cemetery personnel when they become withered, faded, or otherwise unsightly. All floral items which conflict with normal grounds maintenance may be removed.
- In order to remain responsive to the public, artificial flowers and other commemorative or religious items that are placed on graves in violation of the conditions stated above shall be removed by cemetery personnel. Such items may be held in an inconspicuous holding area for retrieval by the owners for a period of one (1) month prior to disposal.

- Florists shall not be permitted to deliver flowers to a grave and leave them thereon without removing and taking away all boxes, wrapping paper, or other packaging materials.
- Permanent in-ground flower containers are not authorized for placement in any National Cemetery. Existing containers may remain until they become unserviceable.

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First Amendment Rights Exercise Areas

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